GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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POLLUTION IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi is one of the most polluted metros of the World;

(b) if so, whether all the forms of pollution emanating from air, noise and filth exist in Delhi;

(c) if so, whether pulmonary diseases are fast spreading in Delhi owing to air pollution;

(d) if so, whether the Government have prepared any action plan to remove various kinds of pollution from Delhi; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a), (b), (c), (d)& (e):Delhi is one of the most polluted cities in the world in respect of the prevailing ambient concentration of particulate matter. However, due to various measures taken during the last two years the pollution levels have indicated a downward trend. There is no conclusive data available to indicate spreading of pulmonary diseases due to air pollution in Delhi. A White Paper on Pollution in Delhi with an Action Plan covering various aspects of pollution control, including vehicular and industrial pollution, solid waste management and noise pollution was prepared. An authority known as the Environment pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority for the National Capital Region was constituted with effect from 29th January, 1998 for protecting and improving the quality of the environment and monitoring the implementation of the Action Plan.